

Astronomy As A Stamp Topical

Ryukyus Honor Noted Newsmen

In connection with fourth annual Newspaper Week which began October 1, the Ryukyus Islands announces that it will issue a commemorative stamp having a pen as a symbol of the press and a portrait of the late Shigo Toma, former president of the Okinawa Asahi Shimbun.



The use of Mr. Toma's portrait is in keeping with a plan to honor Ryukyuan newspapermen annually by issuing commemorative stamps in connection with Newspaper Week. The portrait carried last year, when the commemorative stamp was first issued, was that of the late Chofu Ota, veteran publisher, who was associated with journalism in the Ryukyus for some 45 years.

The design of this year's stamp was prepared by Artist Masayoshi Adaniya. The stamp is dark blue and a value of 4 yen. It is printed in sheets of 50 stamps.

Mr. Toma was born on November 10, 1884 at Kanagushiku-cho, Shuri City. After graduating from the Okinawa Middle School he entered the Kokokuin College in Tokyo, Japan.

In 1930 he was elected a member of the Japanese Diet and made an inspection trip to Hawaii and the United States.

With the establishment of the Okinawa Shimpou-sha he became its managing director and later its president. In 1944 he went to Japan on business for the company, and the following year died of an illness in Kumamoto prefecture at the age of 61 years.

Swiss Postage Stamps Invalidated

The philatelic Agency of Switzerland advises that on December 31 it will remove several items from further sale at face value plus return postage and registration.

Included are the regulars of the Landscape series in values of 5, 10, 20, 30 and 40 centimes; Service stamps for the International Education Bureau of 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 and 40c; World Health Organization of 5, 10, 20, 25 and 40c; sheets of stamps with check marks on the reverse side, sold only in full sheets in denominations of 5, 10, 20, and 30c.

Address of the Agency is Bollwerk 8, Berne, Switzerland.

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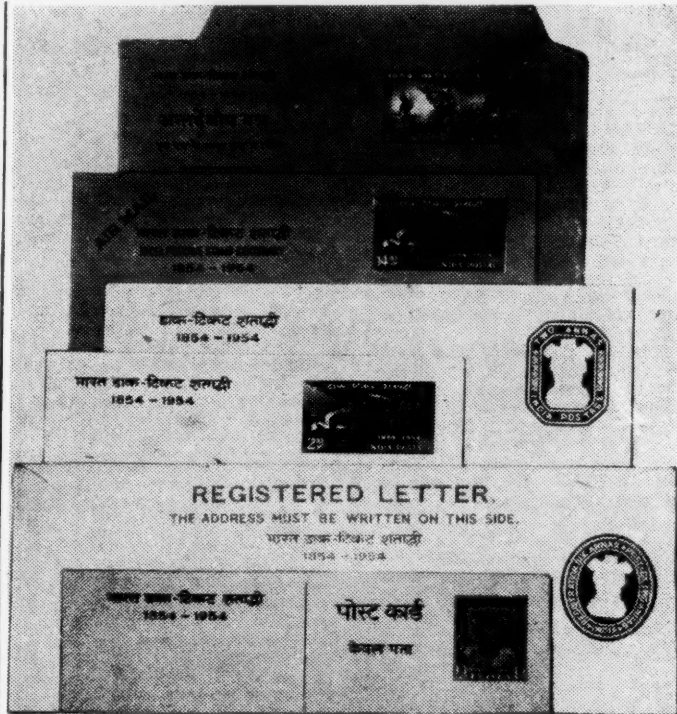
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COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL STATIONERY will be issued by India in the next few weeks in connection with the centenary of the nation's first postage stamps. This is shown above ranging from two air letters at the top, two imprinted envelopes, a registered stamped envelope, and a postal card. Also due are four stamps with denominations of 1, 2, 4, and 14 annas.

Scads And Scads Of Hats! For The Men, Too.

Clarence Swanson

"What kind of a hat shall I wear for Easter," is the major concern of many women in the spring of the year. The continual search for something original represents a real challenge. Not so for the fair sex stamp collector however for she can find hosts of ideas in her album or illustrated Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue. If you are confronted with the hat problem and have not already done so, I suggest you take a magnifying glass and try it. I am sure you will get some ideas especially if you design your own hats.

Shown on stamps are bonnets of various types, halos, shells, large crowns, small crowns, wide brims, narrow brims and no brims. You will find the exotic, romantic, sophisticated, dainty, glamorous and ridiculous!

Let's thumb through the catalogue together and observe a few of the creations of yesteryear. The first hat that strikes my fancy is the dainty number perched on the head of the lass on type A70 of Austria. In fact you will find all sorts of interesting numbers in this original Austrian Costume series Nos. 354-371 as well as the more recent Nos. 518-533 series.

For a hat with romantic appeal consider the number on Austria type A145 picturing a Viennese Woman of 1850. If you think I am having a hard time looking at the hats only — you're right! Before leaving Austria give a glance to the straw hat worn by the lass on type SP146.

For those who prefer a patriotic motif Cuba A115 should prove an

inspiration. Next in our travels is what I choose to call the exotic or oriental type found in the coolie shaped hats such as that worn by the girl on AP15 of Camerouns.



From darkest Africa to sunny Tahiti as far as the women are concerned the hat's the thing. French Guiana A26 and French West Africa A11, A12 and A15 will give you an idea of what I mean. But for pure simplicity consider the Tahitian Girl who solved the problem with simply a flower as seen on French Oceania A20.

The next hat that strikes my fan-

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Many Colorful Stamps Show Symbolic Figures, Natural Phenomena And Astronomers

Gertrude Boss

To those who would like to take up a different topic in stamp collecting they will find the subject of astronomy and astronomers a thrilling adventure. Many suitable subjects lend themselves for inclusion in such a collection of scientific data, for the entire solar system has been drawn upon in the making of stamps and there is a story back of each. The entire heavens unroll before the eye in the famous Zeppelin airmails, especially United States, Scott Catalog type AP11, "Zeppelin Passing Over The Globe." In the trans-Pacific flights in 1934-35 we see both sunrise and sunset, and such are shown by other nations.

Surely astronomy must be one of the oldest of sciences, for the early cave men, and the shepherds out on the hills, noticed the movements of the sun, moon and stars, even figuring crude ways of telling the time and the return of the seasons. The ancients felt fear strike into their hearts with certain climatic conditions, and they looked to their Sun God for relief.

Greece did honor to the elements with a set of stamps in 1942-3 that is a complete allegorical presentation (types AP35 to 42). Here we have Boreas (north wind), Notus (south wind), Apeliote (east wind) and Zephyrus (west wind). These blowings caused anxiety and an interesting myth surrounds each.

Again we see lightning on a stamp of Cuba (type AP9) and a rainbow on a Polish stamp, (type A27), while "Mother Earth" is the name given to a Mexican stamp (type A157).

Poland issued stamps to honor astronomer Nikolaus Copernicus (type A33) in 1923. These commemorated the 450th anniversary of the birth of Poland's greatest astronomer, whose life and observations have filled many pages in the history of astronomical research. Poland again in 1953 issued a set to honor this scientist who promulgated the Copernican System which considers the Sun as the center of our planetary system.

The mysteries of the universe were being studied and observed most carefully at the time the great mathematician Galileo unveiled his discoveries. He was not the man who really discovered the telescopic principle, but Italy issued a set of stamps in his honor in 1942. It commemorated the 300th anniversary of the death of Galileo Galilei (1564-1642). There are four most interesting subjects pictured (types A237-240).

We first see Galileo seated, teaching mathematics at Padua; next he is shown as he presents a telescope to the Doge of Venice; the third is an almost perfect life like portrait; while the fourth shows him pursuing his studies at Arcetri. Of varied colors and artistic designs this set becomes an addition to the beauty of any collection.

Other astronomers fall in line for study of this subject as Kepler and Einstein. Hipparchus was a Greek astronomer at work on this science B. C. 150. It is well to include the great scientist Leonardo da Vinci for further study, for few

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Argentina Readies Stationery, Stamps

A turnover in Argentina's definitive series, and new postal stationery are established as fact by a recent decree of the postal administration and sent to this paper by H. G. Spanton, 1484 Calle Bolivar, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Sixteen stamps in all with various motifs will come piecemeal. The first of the lot, a 20c with a picture of San Martin, was released August 18. To come are the following—

1c Braille; 5c Hernandez; 10c Sarmiento; 30c Belgrano; 40c Brown; 50c Port of Buenos Aires; 80c Wheat; 1 Peso Cattle Raising; 1.50P Industry; 2P Eva Peron Monument; 3P Dam in Mendoza; 5P Iguazu Waterfalls; 10P Landscape; 20P Fitz Roy Mountain; 50P San Martin.

Postal stationery is to consist of—single postal card, 15c picturing Moreno; double reply card, 15c and 15c (30c), Belgrano; letter card, 20c San Martin; envelope, 20c, San Martin; air letter, 40c, Aviation Development; air letter, 1.50P, Aerial Transport.

Stamp Centenary Set From Sweden

A fair idea of the stamps Sweden will issue in 1955 has been gained from the postal administration. According to Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden one set of special note will be for the centenary of the nation's first issue. That will come on about July 1.

For Swedish National Day June 6 at least one item is expected picturing the flag in its full colors.

Per Daniel Amadeus Atterbom, a Swedish poet is to be remembered on the centenary date of his death, July 21, with at least one commem.

Mr. Bostrom offers the printing figures for the recent Anna Maria Lenngren issue. The 20 ore in coils — 10,749,400; 20 ore as a booklet — 5,109,500; 65 ore coil — 1,527,300.

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dous seeing job, imperative
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ical handling of mail and to the
welfare of postal employees, was
discussed at the recent meet-
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lantic City, N.J. by C. E. Kautt,
and T. C. Cargill, Jr. of the Of-
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ment.

Explaining that the Post Office
at Richmond, Va. was selected
for the experimental installation
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and ventilation, it was empha-
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in the Richmond office was far
below recommended practices for
the type of work performed.
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the Treasury of the Confederacy,
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employees, had such outmoded
and overall poor lighting condi-
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poor lighting conditions.

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with the active cooperation of
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completed in January, 1952, has
been the production increase with
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month, January 1953, showed a
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handled of 8 percent over the
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Post Office Department is mak-
ing every effort to extend this
modernization program to the
larger post offices as rapidly as
funds permit.

Pennsylvania Club
Announces Exhibition

The fourth annual exhibition
of the Wilkesburg (Pa.) Stamp
Club will be held at the VFW
Hall in that city on October 23
and 24. Richard Witt has been
appointed general chairman of
the affair.

Over forty frames of stamps
and covers will be displayed and
a bourse of six tables is expected.
Saturday's session will be high-
lighted by a stamp auction.

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pattern at intervals and some
paper was made while the cor-
rect crown was missing. A con-
siderable number of sheets of
stamps were printed on such pa-
per and many were dispatched
overseas before the irregularity
was discovered. No information is
available as to territories, quan-
tities and values involved.

CANADA. Several years ago,
Canada commenced a series of
stamps to commemorate former
Prime Ministers. Thus far stamps
have been issued for R. L. Bor-
den, Wm. L. Mackenzie King,
John C. Abbott and Alexander
Mackenzie. On November 1, Can-
ada will release two more Prime
Minister stamps, a 4c for J. S. D.
Thompson and a 5c for Macken-
zie Bowell.

STRAITS (Malaya). The \$5.00
green and red B. M. A. stamp
#270 was issued in 1945 and was
soon replaced by the \$5.00 brown
orange and violet #271. The green
and red stamp then had a sub-
stantial rise and is now priced by
Scott at \$17.50, by Gibbons at
85/- and by Commonwealth at
80/-.

This early rapid rise in price
resulted in many collectors not
obtaining same and there was a
normal reaction in retail price.
It is the writer's opinion that the
new catalogues will show lower
prices regardless of scarcity.

ST. LUCIA. In 1946, three ad-
ditional values in Sterling cur-
rency were issued, 8d (#117), 3/-
(#120) and Pound (#123). These
stamps were superseded in 1949
by the dollar currency series.
These three new value stamps
in Sterling are popular and
scarce, especially the 3/- (#120).
They are advancing in price and
higher catalogue quotations can
be expected.

The entire set 110-123 looks
good. The 1d (#111) and 2½d
(#114) were replaced with
changed colors.

JOHORE. The 1896 errors #30A
to 36A are elusive and hard to
locate. This set is entitled to
higher catalogue prices based on
scarcity.

NEW GUINEA. When the Jap-
anese occupied New Guinea, they
found and took many of the then
current stamps, which were tak-
en to Japan and sold to dealers,
who sold them to U.S. dealers
at a low price. The result was,
that the 2/- stamp #42 was of-
fered here below face and some
of the scarce 2½d #34 were avail-
able at a concession from the
then current retail price. The
surplus of both stamps has been
absorbed by collectors, and there
should now be a gradual in-
crease in price.

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A Look At The South Moluccas

As should be well known to our readers we have been denouncing the so called stamps that have been offered in the past year or more as issues of this so called republic. Along with our denunciation of these so called stamps we have also condemned certain other issues such as those attributed to the Croatian Government in Exile and the Free Albanian issues.



GEORGE W. LINN

It shall always be our endeavor to be honest and fair concerning any of these so called stamps. We well remember when the Tannu Tuva material first came into the stamp market. How big covers bearing full sets of these issues were available. The covers were registered covers with all the required post marks, registered marks etc. Regardless of what they looked like or why they were produced there is evidence that some of these stamps were legitimately used in that territory. We have in our collection a couple of covers that bear the stamp of legitimacy, regardless of how spurious some of the other material may appear.

As yet we have not seen any evidence that any of these so called South Molucca stamps have been used from the Republic of South Molucca which is a group of islands which forms the eastern extremity of the former Dutch East Indies. An examination of a map of this area will amaze anyone who has not heretofore studied such a map. There must be many thousands of small islands in what is known as the East Indies. This group of islands lies south of the Philippines, southeast of the lower Asian coast line and north of Australia.

The Republic of South Molucca is composed of several islands which are the eastern extremity of the Dutch East Indies, Sumatra, Java and the other larger islands. The Moluccas lie just south and a bit west of the western tip of the Territory of New Guinea. The largest islands of the group are Ceram and Buru. It appears that when the Japs invaded this territory and later when the Netherlands Government was obliged to grant freedom to this great Dutch Colonial possession that this Eastern group of islands, which it is claimed is peopled by a tribe that is different than in Sumatra and Java, decided that they preferred to set up as an independent government, independent from Indonesia. The statements we have seen are that this group of islands has a population of around 14,000,000 people. Naturally the Indonesian Government objected to this and as a result there has been a bush and jungle war raging in this territory ever since.

The representatives of this South Molucca group of islands have been located in New York where they have their claims before the United Nations and are making a fight for independence. Representatives of the South Molucca Government are also located in Holland, Belgium, Australia, Scandinavia and in New Guinea.

The New York Offices are . . . Information Office of South Moluccan Republic, 310 East 44th Street, New York. We are advised that the so-called stamps which have been issued by this group are available through their offices in New York and that the issues are not imaginary issues as is so true of these other various labels that have been flooding the market in recent months.

We still do not feel that these are legitimate stamps. If the South Molucca government is recognized and becomes an independent Government, then there would be some interest and value to these labels.

We have before us pamphlets issued by this South Moluccan Information Bureau which is making the fight before the U. N. and which give much matter of interest, yet that is not sufficient to authenticate these stamps.

After a careful study of these pamphlets we can only come to the conclusion that the real distribution of territory, the setting up of any new government is all a matter of politics and trade, which in the end are the cause of the wars that disrupt this earth so frequently. The charter of the U. N. provides or intimates that governments will arise from self determination of the peoples involved, but self determination is limited to those who are big enough to fight off outside aggressors.

So much for the South Moluccas, they could be worse, in fact as bad as these Croatian Triangles and the Free Albania labels which have not a leg to stand on and which we are advised by reputable people in New York are absolute trash and have positively no excuse for being offered in the stamp market.

This South Molucca question has been discussed quite widely in some papers. The Stamp Dealers Association here has steered clear of the matter and we believe because of a fear of legal entanglement. Matters of this nature need free discussion, only in that way can we learn the truth.

Perhaps one of the things that Philately needs most is a Czar such as rules the Baseball world, as rules the Motion Picture Industry and as is now being set up by the publishers of the so called Comic Books. What we need in Philately is a Committee to pass on and authenticate any or all issues of stamps that may be brought into the market.

Our suggestion is that the Collectors Club of New York set up a Committee of three men. It need not be the same three men all of the time, but a flexible Committee of Three members to whom any stamps may be submitted and which they may approve as legitimate issues for traffic in by dealers.

The Dealers' Association should welcome such a Committee and should announce its intention of abiding by the findings of this Committee. If this were done every problem could be readily solved.

Do not get the mistaken idea that these problems are found only here in the United States. Ever since the first issue of postage stamps, the British dealers and others in Britain have been well in the lead in putting questionable material into the market. For many years they flooded the market with reprints. In many instances the plates of the original stamps were acquired by British dealers and for years after, the market was filled with their products.

This period is not over for today we get from Britain as much spurious material as from any other source. We get also the great floods of so-called British Colonials. In many instances long sets of stamps running up to a pound in value wherein the issues are made for a small island with a population of a few hundred people. The stuff is legitimate enough since it comes out in a proper manner, but oh how collectors are taken when they have to buy it to complete their collections.

Another British product that has taken a lot of dollars from collectors all over the world are the Lundy Labels. Not by any means postage stamps, not even with as much legitimacy as the Herman Herst and the Walter Brink locals that have recently been issued in this country.

The Lundy issues have been so successful in bringing in the money for the promoters that we are now told that an entirely new series of such stamps are to be put into the market as being from the Island

of Herm. We have not taken the trouble to find out just where this island is located but we are told on good authority that there are to be four sets with Fishes, Butterflies etc., long sets that will be very attractive looking and which the young collectors will be eager to buy.

Our informant tells us that these issues are scheduled to hit the market late in September. That will be before this is in print so let us sit quiet for a moment and see just how good this advance information is.

The British papers have panned these South Moluccas just as we have. Our reason was that we did not believe that they were as yet recognized as legitimate stamp issues. The British may have done it for the same reason, but we feel that the British would do better if they would jump on the British Philatelic Association and use every effort to kill off the proposed reproduction of the Sperati counterfeits. It is proposed by the B.P.A. to reproduce up to 500 sets of all of the stamps that Sperati faked and distribute them among members of the B.P.A. This would run to several million dollars in value at current prices for genuine stamps of the same kinds. The Sperati material is to be marked on the back in small letters, "Sperati Reproduction". If Sperati could make the whole stamps good enough to fool the boys, how long do you think it is going to take some smart boy to find a way to remove the marking and the world will soon be flooded with this material. There is plenty of room for real house cleaning in Britain.

Experts Fooled By Trieste Item

The Italian philatelic world, according to P. Ostrow, has been the victim of a gigantic and expansive hoax, which took in not only dealers and collectors, but such respected and experienced experts as Diena, Fiechi, Oliva and others.

Last June notices appeared in the philatelic press both in Italy and in this country, to the effect that the 1952 Trieste Fair Stamp of Italy, overprinted for use in Trieste, had been found with the brown background entirely omitted, changing the color of the entire stamp. It was stated that 42 copies had been found, and the "find" was hailed as the most exciting since World War II. Copies were freely signed by the experts.

Now the truth has come out—

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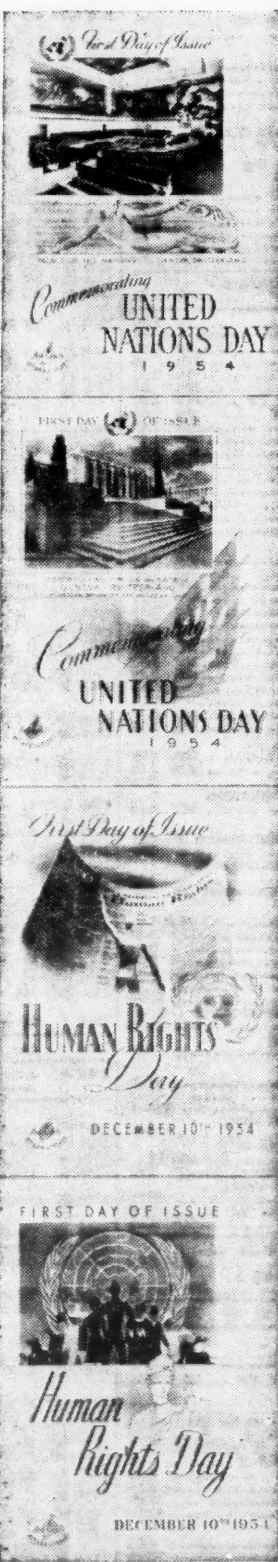
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Vet Comments On In God We Trust

(Ed. Note: The following letter directed to George W. Linn is printed with the thought of possibly inspiring some of our readers to lend a hand not only to the sender of the letter and his stamp collecting friends, but also to hospitalized veterans in other hospitals).

The full contents of the letter read as follows:

"What's all the fuss about our 8c Liberty with the saying 'In God We Trust'? If these little Commie countries would think of that more they wouldn't be asking the Good Old USA for their bread and butter today. But as they say, that's another story.

"I've also seen a lot of adv. in different papers, also yours, stating that this is the first U. S. stamp with the words 'In God We Trust'. Really it isn't—we had the same thing on our stamps 26 years ago, so it isn't anything new for our stamps. Look at Scotts No. 45, 2c carmine red, 1928.

"We have a very active stamp club here in the hospital. A Mr. Charles Hall donates his time every Wednesday afternoon to help us out on stamps. He gets stamps and supplies from his friends, and he also digs in his own pocket to help us a little bit.

"We have 16 hours a day to do nothing and collecting stamps is a very relaxing pastime. I myself have spent 4 1/2 hours on just twelve stamps that were donated to us. Nobody in the world can tell you how absorbed a person in bed all day long can get working on his stamps; it's something you can't explain. It sure helps the boys out a lot.

"I've seen a lot of fellows doing it the five years I've been in bed. We pass your paper around until there is nothing left of it. So Mr. Linn if you know of anyone who has some duplicates around tell them to send them to us. I know you have a lot of old collecting friends who would just say, 'I was just wondering what I should do with that.'

"Tell them, let them know what it means to us. We will enjoy anything, nothing too small. Tongs, hinges, blank pages, albums of any kind, catalogs, anything other people have no use for. We can find 100 uses for things other people don't want. I know this sounds like we are begging, truthfully, we are. But as I said before, you'll never know how much time we have on our hands.

"I enjoy your paper very much. You write some very good things. I read it from cover to cover each week. Well Mr. Linn, I think I've taken enough of your time for now, but thanks a lot for reading this far.

"In God We Trust.

"Burdette Horen
"Veterans Hospital
"Dearborn, Mich."

Publication Features Texas Collector

Featured in the first edition of "Texas National Bank Notes", employee quarterly publication of the Texas National Bank, Houston, is a story about stamp collecting Carl H. Brunner. Mr. Brunner who has been with the organization for 33 years was pictured both at work, and with his stamps.

Besides stamps and coins, he also has fishing as a hobby and is reputed to never come home without his share.

Brunner belongs to the Texas Philatelic Assn., The Philatelic Library Assn., Postmark Collectors Club, and president of the Houston Stamp Club.

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CLEANING UP

It is now a known fact that there is a concerted effort on the part of the Department to clean out old stocks of stamps in first class offices so the items we have been reporting are a part of this program.

We note that several such are to be burned. No mention so far of any precancels being burned. Rather we feel the effort is to move those items. One more to add to the ever growing list is a 5c OLYMPIC dated Nov. 53 from Chicago, Ill. in U-11 type.

HAMILTON, OHIO

The Central Ohio Precancel Club will hold its regular monthly meeting for NOVEMBER at the offices of the Pease Woodwork Co. 900 Forest Ave. Hamilton, Ohio, Sunday November the 14th. All collectors in the area are cordially invited to come and visit with us. No speeches, meeting or the like. Just swapping of stamps and yarns. Make a date for a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

M. W. CATALOG

In order to get a more complete listing of the popular MW printed dated precancels, M. J. Pelt, 5762 Garland, Detroit 13, Mich. is conducting a survey of collectors to make such a list as a real guide. These listings will be incorporated in a new edition of a DATED CATALOG.

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Latest reports indicate a display of around 300 frames covering the major fields of philately. A number of handsome awards will be given to outstanding entries, all of which are exclusively the property of the members.

In order to continue activities with "Stamps for the Wounded", an auction of 100 lots will be held on Sunday afternoon and topnotch material will be sold. A major percentage of the proceeds will be given to carry on the work.

Saturday evening, the popular "Gedunk ritual" will be in order at which time award winners will receive their trophies and the winner of the U. S. Savings bond and other door prizes will be announced.

Changes In Italian Philatelic Program

Last-minute decisions have radically altered the Italian stamp issuing program, according to P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

Although the INTERPOL Conference stamp, in honor of the International Police Conference in Rome, will appear on schedule in October, the Matteotti, Barsanti and St. Francis' Basilica issues have definitely been cancelled, as has the Marian Year set.

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The services were introduced originally for the purpose of providing postal facilities for railway construction gangs on the Trans-Continental Line between Port Augusta and Parkes (Kalgoorlie), 1049 miles, and on the North South Railway between Quorn and Alice Springs, 747 miles. Since completion of the lines, they have been continued for the benefit of railway maintenance staffs located at isolated depots and camps not served by passenger trains.

The two offices travel once a fortnight and are part of the Pay Train Organization. They are open for limited periods only and transact postal, money order and Commonwealth Savings Bank business at each stopping place. Normally, mail matter is not handled on the trains, but letters posted by railway employees and settlers are postmarked and handed in at the nearest post office along the route of travel for onward transmission by passenger train.

The services are designated as follows:

- (a) Pay Train, Trans-Australian Railway, No. 1;
- (b) Quorn-Alice Springs T.P.O.

Distinctly inscribed circular postmarkers, each 30 mm. in diameter, are used.

The following notes refer to changes made in the two Traveling Post Office Services in comparatively recent years.

Trans-Australian Railway

On March 20, 1924, the whole of the postal work on the Commonwealth Trans-Australian railway line was taken over by the Commonwealth Railways, Port Augusta, and the office was then known as Trans-Australian Railway T.P.O.

Due to a rearrangement in the pay system to railway employees along the Trans-Australian railway, it became necessary to establish an additional Traveling Post Office with money order facilities between Cook and Kalgoorlie and this was designated Pay Train Trans-Australian Railway No. 2.

The existing Traveling Post Office was designated Pay Train Trans-Australian Railway No. 1 and its operation restricted to the Port Augusta-Cook section of the line. This arrangement commenced on February 14, 1940.

Due to a recent change in the pay system to railway employees along the Trans-Australian railway, the Railways decided to use one paymaster between Port Augusta and Parkes (Kalgoorlie) and this dispensed with the need for Pay Train No. 2 and the post office of the same name was closed as from April 21, 1954.

Quorn-Alice Springs T.P.O.

This Traveling Post Office was established on January 1, 1928, and was then known as the Quorn-Oodnadatta T.P.O. A fortnightly service was maintained from the date of opening.

As from May 3, 1929, the operations of the office were extended to Rumbalara, and from August 8, 1929, further extended to Stuart, when the designation of the office and postmark were changed to Quorn-Stuart T.P.O.

In consequence of the change of name, "Stuart" to "Alice Springs" the designation of the office and the postmark were likewise altered, as from July 25, 1930, to "Quorn-Alice Springs

T.P.O.", which name is still employed.

Arrangements have been made to have the covers of collectors carried on the new TPO services. They must send fully addressed envelopes containing a stuffer and with the flap either sealed or turned in, to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, G.P.O., Adelaide, South Australia together with particulars of the service wanted, and proper remittance to cover the cost of Australian stamps which must be affixed.

Postage costs for residents of the United States for each cover of one ounce or less is 7½d (8c U.S.). Besides the postage cost there is also a charge of 2d (2c) per cover for affixing the stamps to be paid. Remittances, made payable to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Adelaide, should be by bank draft or international Money Order.

It is emphasized that the offer of service in this instance is concerned only with envelopes to be carried on Traveling Post Offices. In this connection it should be remembered that covers will be marked as neatly as circumstances permit — moving trains do not always provide a stable place in which to work.

Collectors resident outside Australia should note particularly that general orders for Australian stamps must be sent to the Director Posts & Telegraphs, Philatelic Bureau, GPO Melbourne, Vic., Australia.

Cachet Prepared For Florida Exhibition

The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs fifth annual convention and exhibition will be held November 18 to 20 at the Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg. The hotel overlooks Tropical Park and Tampa Bay and is one of the outstanding resort hotels in America. There will be 266 frames in the show.

A special cancellation will be used at the convention postal station. The Post Office Department will also have a philatelic agency where the latest commemorative stamps will be sold. The convention committee is preparing a special cacheted envelope bearing a 3c commem to sell for 10c. Order from Willis J. Stevens, 5417 Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg 7, Fla.

Brooklyn Stamp Club Invites Collectors

The name Marian Stamp Club has been chosen by stamp collecting members of a Brooklyn, N. Y. church's Holy Name Society. It will meet regularly beginning October 7 on the first and third Thursdays at 245 Prospect Park West.

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NMPA Exhibition Cachet At Sante Fe

A special cacheted envelope has been prepared for the annual convention and exhibition of the New Mexico Philatelic Assn. at Sante Fe October 15 and 16. These will sell at 15c each. Purchasers need not send the correct payment (no stamps) and their name and address to Mrs. A. W. Frank, P.O. Box 1157, Sante Fe, N.M.

All events will be at St John's Methodist Church including the convention post office with special cancellation, and philatelic agency.

Burlington Begins Regular Meetings

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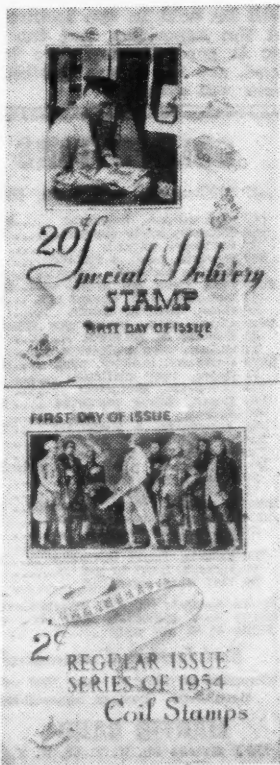
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Containing seven 32-page signatures (224 pages) four-color cover, inserts and several hundred photographs, most of them especially taken for the book, it presently is being completed by J. W. Stowell, in Federalburg, Md., according to Bernard Davis, founder-director of the Museum.

Ernest Kehr, guest editor of this important volume, has been working for approximately a year in the planning and procurement of articles it contains. In each instance, the persons most qualified to handle the subjects treated, were requested to write them down.

The first of the museum books to contain no advertising, its list of authors is as imposing as any ever assembled for a philatelic reference work. Among the by-lines are those of His Eminence, Celso Cardinal Costantini; His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman; His Excellency, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Swanson; the Reverends Patrick Peyton, Aloysius S. Horn, C. Luke Leitmann, Robert A. Graham, S. J., and Sister Mary Fidelma; Prof. Leone Gessi, noted author and curator of the Vatican Philatelic Collections; Barrett McGurn, former Rome correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune; Ann Carnahan, author and novelist; William Wonneberger, Jr., foremost authority on Vatican stamps in the United States; Dr. Charles J. Reilly, and several others who prefer anonymity.

Copies of the book will be made available to the public following the opening of the exhibition. Orders may be sent to the National Philatelic Museum, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia 22, Pa., accompanied by \$3.00 check or money order.

New Mexico Philatelic Assn. Meet At Santa Fe

Santa Fe, founding home of the New Mexico Philatelic Association, with the cooperation of the Los Alamos Stamp Club, will have the annual convention and exhibition of the group. It has been scheduled for October 15 and 16 in the newly completed recreation and banquet rooms of the Methodist church.

While only members of the association are eligible to enter displays, the affair and all its events are open to the general public. A banquet, bourse and auction are other features. There will be at least eight trophies for winning exhibits.

Column Devoted To Stamps Of Israel

"Israel Speaks" a bi-monthly newspaper published at 34 Park Row, New York 38, N.Y. is announcing the regular inclusion of a stamp column devoted to the stamps of Israel.

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For the centenary of its national anthem, Mexico, on September 15, issued a set of three airmails and three regular commems. The airmails came in large horizontal format with a symbolical design, common to each, in denominations and colors of 25c blue and red brown, 35c maroon and dark blue, 80c green and black.



On the regulars a hand is shown laying a laurel wreath on sheets of music. Values and colors here, are — 5c violet and blue, 20c orange brown and black, 1 Peso gray green and red.

Dr. A. W. Bork of Mexico City who sent copies of the stamps advised that this commemorative issue had a very popular reception and was eagerly sought by the general public as well as the philatelic fraternity.

A translation of the first stanza of the anthem was made by Dr. Bork. It reads —

"Oh Motherland, may the divine archangel
Bind thy temples with the olive branch of peace.
For thy destiny was traced in the heavens
By the finger of God.
But if a foreign enemy dare
To profane with his footsteps thy soil,
Be mindful, Oh Motherland, that Heaven
Has given you a soldier in every son.

The second line above is to be found on the airmails.

To many authorities the Mexican national hymn is second only to the French Marseillaise in its stirring words and music. In the celebrations of September 15, a chorus of some 11,000 youngsters from the Mexico City schools and private academies sang the song to the president in the great central Constitution Square.

Bruns To Speak At Garfield-Perry

Franklin R. Bruns, curator of the National Postage Stamp Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., will be the featured speaker at the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting Friday evening October 15. He will be in Cleveland on that date in connection with the Cleveland Press "Do-It-Yourself & Hobby Show", held at the Cleveland Public Auditorium and Exhibition Halls from October 9 through October 17.

Garfield-Perry will represent philately in the hobby section of the exposition and will stage a small non-competitive exhibit. The GP meeting of October 15 will be held in the lecture hall at the exposition and the public is cordially welcome to attend, see the stamp exhibit and hear the speaker.

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The islands yield great crops of rice, coconuts, sugar, hemp, corn, tobacco, fruits, and vegetables. The mineral wealth is also great — silver, lead, zinc, copper, coal, petroleum, manganese, clay, and marble.

The United States imports about 80 percent of everything the islands produce. The population consists almost entirely of Filipinos except for about 15,000 foreigners. Main islands in the group are Mindanao, Luzon, Samar, Negros, Panay, and Leyte.

The Philippines were discovered by Magellan in 1521 for the Spanish crown. Wrested from Spain in 1898 after Admiral Dewey's victory in Manila Bay, they were ceded to the U. S., but we paid Spain \$22,000,000 to call it square. In 1902 many Filipinos under Aguinaldo revolted and it took 140,000 U. S. soldiers to quell the uprising.

After being made a commonwealth of the U. S. in 1934 the Philippines were declared an independent republic in 1946 with Manuel Roxas as first president.

The stamp depicts a view of the rock-fortress Corregidor in Manila Bay, point of final resistance of MacArthur and Wainwright and where the infamous Bataan death march was begun in March, 1942. Because of the shape of the island shown, it is often lovingly referred to as the "T-bone" stamp.



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Oct. 3-10—Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area, Maryland Institute of Art, Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 16-17—Clark County Stamp Club, Neal Temple, Springfield, Ohio.
Oct. 15-16—New Mexico Philatelic Assn., Methodist Church, Santa Fe, N. M. Santa Fe and Los Alamos Stamp Clubs, hosts.
Oct. 15-17—Oklahoma Philatelic Society, Memorial Bldg., Coffeyville, Kans. Coffeyville Collectors Club, hosts.
Oct. 15-17—10th BSCAL, Elks Club, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 16-17—Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Englewood Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 22-24—Mound City Stamp Club and American Philatelic Congress, Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Mo.
Oct. 23-24—Southern Indiana Stamp Club, Elks Theatre Bldg., New Albany, Ind.
Oct. 23-24—Wilkesburg Stamp Club, VFW Hall, Wilkesburg, Pa.
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This year, for the first time in its two-volume history — that is, since 1942 — Volume II of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue has been released first. As all collectors know, Volume II covers the nations of Europe, Africa and Asia.

The 1955 edition readily shows that Scott Publications, Inc., in making its annual overhaul of the Catalogue, has given Volume II its full share of price changes, listing revisions and new issue additions. This is the 111th edition, tracing its lineage back to the monthly price lists which dealer John Walter Scott started in 1867. Volume II again sells for \$5. Volume I covering the Americas and the British Commonwealth, will follow in October (price \$4), and the combined Edition in November (\$8).

The early issues of Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have all been carefully revamped, with most of the prices changed and a few minor varieties added. This work was done by Edwin Mueller, one of the country's leading stamp experts.

In Belgium #1-27, dates have been changed, and bisects, imperforations and footnotes have been added. Both #1 and #2, mint, have been increased in price by \$100.

In Denmark #1-24, a new watermark variety has been added (#7b) and price changes are extensive. No. 1 goes from \$125 and \$40 to \$150 and \$50.

Luxembourg in the 1852-1880 issues has acquired seven new minor varieties, 23 date changes or additions and 89 price changes. No. 1 has jumped from \$50 to \$75 mint.

Netherlands issues of 1852-1871 have been thoroughly repriced, with #1 going from \$27.50 mint to \$35; #18 from \$6 mint and \$3 used to \$10 and \$3.50. But not all the price changes are up — #6 drops from \$10 used to \$7, though its mint price rises from \$35 to \$37.50.

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It would seem to me that in the very near future the Post Office Department will recognize the inadequacy of the identifications on the 1c Washington and the 2c Jefferson of the Liberty series and do something about it.

Take a copy of each and see if you can make out the names without a magnifying glass. I can't with 20-20 vision, and I doubt if few other persons can.

Therefore if the Department has any pride in its product, and both the above are nice looking stamps, it has a choice of two things — either remove the "Washington" and "Jefferson" entirely, or replace the hollow letters with solid ones which can be read.

Of course, the status quo could be maintained, but from what I have seen PMG Summerfield doesn't operate that way. He has been most receptive to worthy suggestions.

If he goes along with that one it will mean a variety of each stamp!

While I hope the change to better lettering will be made, bear in mind that this is a personal opinion and suggestion only and not something which the Department has officially stated will be accomplished. However, I think the change will be made.

If you are going to get any of the 1c and 2c for your collection better get your requirements now.

'Nuff sed?

1. A painting by John McQuarrie picturing an important historical occasion was used for the design of a 1944 commem. Which one?

2. A painting by Gerald Cassidy was used for a 1940 commem. Can you name the stamp?

The American Air Mail Society and its editor of publications, L. B. Gatchell, poled another home run out of the park with the souvenir program of the first day of issue of the 4c airmail September 3. The new "fly stamp" was released during the society's convention and exhibition at Philadelphia at that time.

There is only one other first day program which is as elaborate and that was a product of the AAMS too — for the first day of the 6c 50th anniversary of Powered Flight at Dayton, Ohio last year.

Mr. Gatchell graciously sent one of the Philadelphia for my ever-growing collection of first day programs with the stamp affixed and cancelled the first day. For which, many thanks.

Oscar Hengstler of North Bergen, N. J. is a man who became sold on an idea and in consequence has become more or less of an authority and expert in that particular area. He has done two things, both highly inter-related—made the most extensive collection of stamps and covers relating to the U.S. Frigate Constitution — combed many reference books, wrote over a thousand letters, and made a number of visits, to gain an extensive

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Oct. 8-1c Coil Liberty Series, Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 13-20c Special Delivery, Boston, Mass.
Oct. 22-2c Liberty coil, St. Louis, Mo.
Nov. 19-Abraham Lincoln 4c regular, New York, N. Y.

ALREADY ISSUED

1029-Columbia University 3c, New York, N. Y. January 4.
1031-Liberty Series 1c, Chicago, Ill., August 26.
1033-Liberty Series 2c, San Francisco, Calif., September 15.
1034-Liberty Series 3c, Albany, N. Y., June 24.
1034a-Liberty 3c booklet, Washington, D. C., June 30.
1039-Liberty Series 8c, Washington, D. C., April 5.
1051-Liberty Series 3c coil, Washington, D. C., July 20.
1060-Nebraska 3c, Nebraska City, Nebr., May 7.
1061-Kansas 3c, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., May 31.
1062-Eastman 3c, Rochester, N. Y. July 12.
1063-Lewis & Clark 3c, Sioux City, Iowa, July 28.
No. 7 - Presidential \$1 (new gauge) Washington, D. C. August 31.
C48-Airmail 4c, Philadelphia, Pa., September 3.

UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 25-UN Day, 3c, 8c, United Nations, N. Y.
Dec. 10-Human Rights Day, 3c, 8c, United Nations, N. Y.

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knowledge of this sail-motivated, argument-stopper of yesteryear.

Mr. Hengstler claims that Oliver Wendell Holmes's "Old Ironsides" sold him on the Constitution. It was the inspiration which caused the school children and grown-ups of our nation to chip in and provide the necessary cash to save it.

In the early 1930's the refurbished ship visited many ports on the Atlantic and Pacific sides of the United States. At each a cachet was prepared for the occasion. All of these and other covers numbering more than 1100 are in the Hengstler collection, plus photographs, souvenir programs and related items.

Seems as though we have started something here in Linn's. I refer to the picturing and describing of spliced U. S. Postal Cards. In the May 31 edition and that of September 20 were shown items submitted by J. F. McGee and Augustus Hendelman. Both of those were of the 1c Jefferson, Scott type PC17.

A modern counterpart of the splice has been sent in for inspection my Donald Mendelow of Brooklyn, N. Y. The card is the 2c Franklin of 1951, Scott type PC22. The imprinted stamp is wholly on the brown kraft tape.

This would indicate that the supposed "war measure" status of the other two isn't the full explanation of the existence of these cards. Also to be considered is the splicing together of rolls of the card stock, or the repair of tears.

In any event, the spliced cards are interesting, and legitimate varieties.

Possibly the moral to the following anecdote should be "Death To Roll Top Desks". It happened to Robert F. Molitor, a collector of Cleveland, Ohio. The story in the Cleveland Plain Dealer reads:-

"Robert F. Molitor, a widely known philatelist, sent a letter to G. A. Hunt of Woburn, Mass. early in June of 1931, asking an opinion from Hunt on two 1894-1895 2-cent stamps. Hunt was widely known for his expertizing of questionable finds.

"The answer came back by

registered mail late that month. "I put it on the top of my roll-top desk", said Molitor, "because I had a few things to do that would take several hours. When I came back to read the letter, it had disappeared. I looked for it; Oh I looked everywhere. My mother looked, too."

"All the time since then, every year or so, I looked for that letter and wondered where it went. It couldn't have been stolen. The apartment was locked, and besides somebody was right there."

"Twenty-three years later, a couple of weeks ago, the question was answered. "I pulled down the top of that desk—it was made in 1919—and I guess the canvas backing on the roll part just fell apart. Anyway, the roll-top broke, and there, in the sort of slot the top disappeared into when it was rolled up, there was the letter, all black and covered with dirt."

"The first thing Molitor did was to check to be sure no other letters or ten dollar bills were hidden in the slot."

"Then he read the letter. "Fortunately for his financial condition and status as a collector, it said the long wait had cost nothing."

"Your stamps have been doctored by someone to make them appear valuable," said Hunt.

"Molitor was glad to have his long standing question answered, perhaps because it proved the opinion he had held before he had mailed the stamps to be explicated."

"But he is even more pleased to have answered the 23-year old mystery of where the letter went."

I have heard via the rumor route that there is a fine possibility that a commem for the centenary of the Canal Locks on the St. Marys River at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. will be released.

It might not come this year since the time is short before the navigation season is closed by ice. Such an item should be released when ship traffic is moving. That would mean any time from April on, next year, preferably in July or August when the weather is summerish.

The Department still has not shelved the General John Pershing commem, or a similar Famous American type for Charles Goodyear, discoverer of the process for vulcanizing rubber.

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2. Coronado Expedition issue had the painting "Coronado and His Captains."

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BRAZIL — On September 8, a stamp was issued celebrating the centenary of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Also issued on the same day was a single stamp commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of N. S. Aparecida, Patron of Brazilian Catholics.

On September 2, a 4.20Cr. reddish-orange stamp was issued commemorating the official visit of Cardinal Piazza, legate of Pope Pius XII, who arrived in Rio de Janeiro on August 31. This stamp, printed by the rotogravure method, was designed by W. Puntar.

CHILE — Jose Galetovic advises of two new commemorative sets that have recently been issued. One, commemorates the centenary of the railroad in Chile, and pictures the first locomotive used. This set is composed of two values, a 10 Peso airmail, dark violet, and 1 Peso regular, dark carmine.

The second set celebrates the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ignacio Domeyko, and pictures a profile portrait of him. Values are 1 Peso blue, and 5 Peso reddish-brown.

GERMANY (West Zone) — The famous composer of operas, Richard Strauss, who died in 1949, will be honored on September 18, when the German Government issues a 40 pfennig stamp. The stamp will feature a picture of the composer, with baton in hand. On September 25, in connection with the German Industrial Exhibition, a single 20 pfennig stamp will be issued in honor of August Borsig, who founded the Borsig Plants in Berlin.

GERMANY (East Zone) — The annual Leipzig Fair stamps were issued September 4. The two stamps, a 24 pfennig reddish-brown and 34 pfennig, blue-gray, both are of the same design and show a view of the Fair.

ITALY — A. Bolaffi, advises that the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Italian Touring Club was recently marked with the issuance of a 25 lire green and red stamp. The design pictures a man on a bicycle, an automobile in the background and the emblem of the club.

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The most interesting and attractive stamps issued late in August are the two of one peso rose, and 10 peso violet honoring the 100th anniversary of the first railroad in South America which happened to be in Chile. Both stamps are the same and show an old time locomotive.

This is a good one for topical collectors although they may have trouble getting the full set since the post office here restricts the sale of the 10 peso to five at a time.

The stamp is issued in sheets of 25 and although there are plenty of the 1 peso "pliegas" being sold, no one is able to get more than the allotted five of the ten peso number. Both stamps are identical except for color.

With the return of Gabriela Mistral to the country for a visit, several newspapers have carried announcements to the effect that a stamp will be issued honoring the occasion. I would judge she will receive her honor sometime in 1956. Sra. Mistral is a Nobel Prize winner in literature and is Chile's outstanding poet and writer. She has been received in her native country in recent weeks with nothing less than adulation. She returned after an absence of some 17 years, and expects to return to the U. S. in December where she has been residing for several years. She holds a sinecure from the Chilean government with the title of Vice-Consul.

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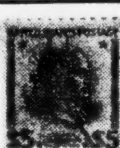
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ASTRONOMY

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phases of scientific experimentation. Italy honored him with a set of four stamps in 1935, in commemoration of the first international Aeronautical Salon in Milan. (type A191). Again in 1938 he was given a place in a long set honoring the proclamation of the empire (type A228). Germany and other nations have issued stamps in memory of Da Vinci.

The actual discoverer of the telescopic principle was a glass worker of Holland, who to his amazement found that a lens he was holding to the window for a more perfect inspection found that the great church tower, away across the city appeared much closer when viewed through his lens. It was a small beginning, so was the 2 inch refracting telescope of Galileo that day he glimpsed Jupiter's moons. What a far cry from that crude instrument to the great observatory on Mt. Palomar, in California, pictured on a stamp of 1948.

Scott's Catalog shows that Columbia issued a stamp in 1946 picturing the National Observatory of Colombia. (type A218). Japan takes pride in her Meteorological observatory in Tokyo, and in 1949 issued one stamp (type A233) to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the establishing of the Central Meteorological Observatory.

Jainur issued a set of nine stamps in 1947-48 (type A19). These commemorated the 25th anniversary of the enthronement of Raja Man Singh II. One of them shows an observatory.

Mexico has issued a number of stamps pertaining to astronomy. In 1942 the Russell Diagrams were pictured (type AP58). This set was issued in commemoration of the Astrophysics Congress and the inauguration of an observatory at Tonanzintla, February 17, 1942. Another of the set is listed as "Spiral Galaxy NGC4594" (type AP56). A galaxy is an irregular luminous band encircling the heavens, consisting of innumerable stars, such as "The Milky Way" which is the star city in which we live.

In this same Mexican set we find one stamp listed as Planetary Nebula in Lyra (type AP57). A Nebula is any luminous cloud like object in the sky. This is an unusual phenomenon and makes a showy stamp.

Mexico has issued another galaxy stamp, this one in a set of three in 1942, listed as "Spiral Galaxy in the Hunting Dogs" (type A156). This set was also issued in commemoration of the Astrophysics Congress and the inauguration of an observatory at Tonanzintla. Another is listed as "Black Cloud in Orion" (type A154) while another is a fine scene of a Total Solar Eclipse (type A155).

In reference to stamp collecting, we find stars on hundreds of issues, in many lands, and

oftimes we see watermarks of stars. A short list of "Stars on Stamps," by Scott types follows: Austria—A140; Brazil—A258; Japan—A223; Liberia—A120; Jugoslavia—A43 and D7; Suriname—SP17 and SPAP1; Turkey—PT-23 and 35 United States—A416; Pakistan—A3 and 27. Liberia and Israel several issues.

The names of ten planets are listed in the Solar System of which the earth is one and the sun is the center. "Mexico pictures 'Mother Earth'" (type A157). We find the sun on issues of Bolivia—AP28; Bulgaria—AP16; Japan—A161-2; Norway—A46; Switzerland—SP165; Syria—A41. A Norwegian stamp pictures the Mid-night Sun (type A46).

The frequent appearance of the Sun on Japanese stamps is due to the fact the people believe their emperor was a direct descendant from the Sun goddess, and the name signifies her radiance with the glory of the Sun. (types A161-2, also A52).

We keep hearing much of other planets, but with science and fiction full of space-travel talk, it is a sobering fact that so far as science has positive proof the earth is the only one of these ten planets which possesses high forms of life, that is, people. Of these planets it is Saturn which is the giant its rings making it outstanding. These three rings are like huge, very thin discs of varying diameters with their centers cut away, so the remaining parts fit inside each other. The largest measures 172,000 miles all the way across, with 10,000 miles between the outer and inner rims. These strange rings are composed of millions of meteoric particles circling forever in individual paths.

The collector will find stamps suited to an astronomical collection all through the Scott catalogue. Brazil has shown the constellation Southern Cross (types A38, AP5). Also shown is rainbow on one of the Peace stamps (type A221) Poland features a similar celestial phantasy (type A154). Italy pictures the old mythological story of Ajax Defying the Lightning on a fine stamp (type A199).

Argentina shows the rising sun (type A88) and Japan gives a picture of both sun and moon (type A161). Turkey shows many moons listing all as "Red Crescents". Storms are shown by St. Pierre (type 34) and a list of sky-lines is long with lovely scenes such as Monaco (type AP13); Poland (type A110); U. S. (type AP-21); San Marino (type AP6).

Argentina issued an unusual stamp in 1946 (type AP13) picturing astrolabe, an instrument representing the globe, which at one time was used to ascertain the latitude and longitude of a geographical position. In this picture the airplane has left a zodiac of flight, and in the near side of this wake is seen four signs of the Zodiac.

A list of stamps published recently contained telescopes, among which are Italy (type A238); Japan (type 243) and St.

Kitts and Nevis (type A8).

One need not be too technical in this hobby of collecting stamps and studying about astronomical phenomena, but a few books will help. There is one, the name of which is "THE STARS" (Hans Auguste Ray) and one finds it combines the imagination of the artist with the care of the scientist. Constellations are presented in forms that correspond with their names. There are easy to read charts, and a table that gives the position of planets and even a chart by which one may learn to tell time.

A second helpful book is "STARS" (Herbert Spencer Zim). It contains full color platings, detail charts of the heavens, and pictures of individual constellations.

Many interesting side lines are adaptable to this kind of a collection, such as seasons, weather forecasting, and myths about the origin of the planet names. The last subject compels the student to get down a copy of the old Bulfinch's ("Age of Fable") where he will soon find about every name the astronomers gave to a star, a planet or even a cluster or a constellation as also the name of some mythological god or goddess with a thrilling story about their Herculean feats of bravery or chivalry—yes, and also cruelty.

Looking for a new topic? Just try Astronomy. Plenty of thrills for any collector.

Dealer ★ ★ Doings

A Clearance Sale of United States mint sheets is being conducted by N. L. Stanton, 1703 Avenue U, Brooklyn 29, N. Y. who states that there are some pretty good buys on hand. He also handles other mint U. S. such as complete sets of the Flags, Famous Americans, Army and Navy and the other regulars, commems and airmails. Plate number blocks are stocked.

Hugh Watchorn formerly of Tabor, N. J. has moved to P. O. Box 310, Bread Loaf, Vt. where he will be full time in his stamp business. He has retired from his position as trust officer of a large New York City bank. Better and faster service are promised. He has quite a stock of used airmails, besides which he services want lists, and has approvals.

Joseph P. Morgan, Jr., 324 Canary St., Dunkirk, N. Y. has what a lot of beginning and advanced collectors, as well as topical specialists like — a list of packets and collections pretty well covering the most popular nations of the world. Mr. Morgan is well aware that many collectors get a big start on a new country with a packet and has them in various sizes.

The Mint Sheet Brokerage, 8470 Blue Ash Rd., Rossmore, Ohio advise that there is much more to their services for dealers and collectors than the handling of mint sheets. Through their bi-weekly MSB Bulletin are offered collections, accumulations, and individual pieces of better than average worth. The firm also purchases philatelic properties.

John Balter & Co., have moved to a new store which is now located at 1572 Broadway, between 47th and 48th Sts. in New York City. Mr. Balter invites collectors to drop in for a look around. The firm has a comprehensive stock of mint and used United States and Foreign plus covers, and at frequent intervals stages auctions of such material.

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Those who like first day covers, and like out of the ordinary cachets on them, should write to the Knoble Supply House, Room 8, Washington Bldg., Sandusky, Ohio. For each new commemorative there is produced an original drawing which is hand painted in several colors—it is a clever piece of artwork with a unique twist making an outstanding cover.

Those who will write for it can have a copy of "Ster-Lingo" house organ of Frank Sterling, P.O. Box 194, Edgewood, R. I. This eight page publication contains articles of information and interest about stamps plus various offers of the Sterling firm. Featured in the current edition are packets of the world in various quantities and collections.

Part II of the famous Rear Admiral Frederic R. Harris collection of "Hawaii" will be offered for sale at auction October 4 and 5 by Harmer, Rooke & Co., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y. Included are 16 "Missionaries" with a catalog value of \$75,000, 107 lots of the "Numerals", plus covers grouped by cancellations and island origin.

California and Western Express cover collectors packed an exhibition hall at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, September 16 for the 120th auction of John A. Fox, 173 Tulip Ave., Floral Park, N.Y. This sale of 495 lots at the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society realized more than \$16,000. Other sales are now in preparation.

Free to anyone requesting a copy is the new price list of Lowell Stamp Exchange, P. O. Box 633, Lowell, Mass. Featured are the mint and used stamps of Germany, former colonies, occupations and nations of Germanic origin. Also offered are mint sets of Austria, Belgium, Switzerland and France; also 1000 different packets of various foreign nations.

Packet Price List No. 13 featuring over 1500 different kinds of packets will be sent to anyone requesting it and mentioning Linn's, advises W. Phelps Rodfus, P. O. Box 194, Paducah, Ky. All of the popular nations of the world are represented with offerings of various sizes, besides which there are topical packets, airmails, and mounted collec-

tions.

The Lambert Philatelic Supply Co., 7339 Hoover Ave., St. Louis 17, Mo. has a plate block price list which will be sent to interested collectors. Blocks are priced as to condition and in matched sets. Everything from the 1954 Lewis & Clark back to the 1c Pilgrim is offered, also all the airmails, the AMSD's and the special deliveries. Mention Linn's.

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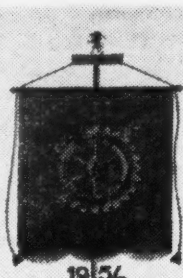
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